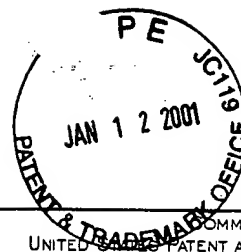


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is insufficient.
Applicant must submit \$ 10 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 75.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Number 09/680,854 mailed December 11, 2000, enclosed are the following documents:

(1) Check No. 2208 in the amount of \$75.00 covering the Balance Due for the basic filing fee and surcharge for a small entity.

(2) A copy of the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application.

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